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2020  
Annual Report

While 2020 brought about many unforeseen challenges, our community of osteopathic family physicians united to help grow the ACOFP Education and Research Foundation to new heights. The ACOFP Foundation achieved all-time highs in many categories, including number of dollars raised, number of grants provided and number of organizational partnerships developed. Last year was a testament to what our ACOFP family and friends can do when we band together for the greater good to help ensure osteopathic distinctiveness.

ACOFP and Foundation leadership are both committed and very passionate about doing all that we can to support osteopathic family physicians and to ensure their dedication to the osteopathic principles and practice we know to be critical to the success of the care we provide. It was from this intention that the ACOFP Foundation created the Initial Certification Fund to remove the barrier of board certification costs, especially when it comes to taking the practical exam.

As you are likely aware, the American Osteopathic Board of Family Physicians (AOBFP) has made several changes over the last few years—one of them making the practical exam optional for first time applicants. Given this option, the ACOFP Foundation wanted to help encourage residents to sit for the practical when they initially certify, especially because this exam is no longer needed for recertification once it has been passed.

The second factor at play has been the changes to single accreditation and many DO members losing their residency program director roles to colleagues less familiar (or supportive) of osteopathic board certification. For residents in programs not supportive of the osteopathic board certification pathway, this fund will provide much needed support to make this option viable, removing any real or perceived barriers to demonstrating their passion and commitment to the osteopathic medicine.

As you will read in this report, many partners have come together to collaboratively help support osteopathic family medicine and ensure its distinctiveness and impact on the care of our respective communities for years to come. I would like to especially thank ACOFP for its continued and generous support of the Foundation. In 2020, ACOFP provided \$550,000 in contributions to support the Initial Certification Fund and ensure additional needed operational resources needed to maintain and grow these important efforts for the next few years.

As we enter another year of uncertainty, we know our work remains as important as ever. If you have supported the ACOFP Foundation in 2020 and/or years before—thank you! If you have not, I hope you will consider lending your support in 2021. We have our work cut out for us, but working together, anything is possible.



**Paul Martin,**  
**DO, FACOFP *dist.***  
ACOFP Education  
& Research  
Foundation  
President,  
2020-2022

## ACOFP Education & Research Foundation Goals

**PROMOTING** osteopathic family  
physician leadership

**ADVOCATING** for greater awareness of  
osteopathic family medicine principles  
and practices

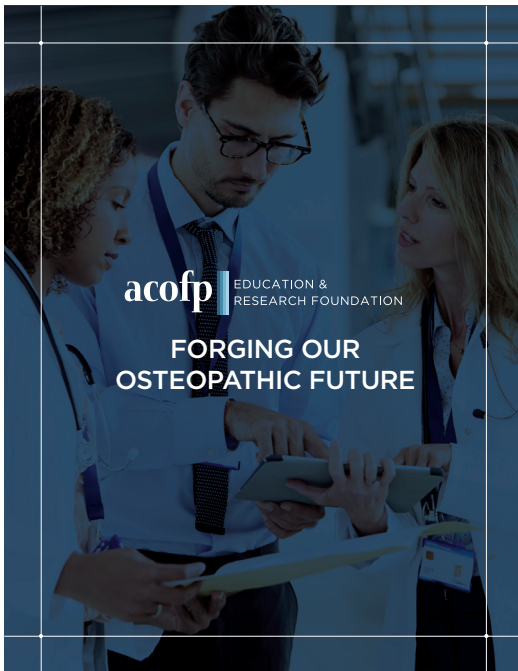
**IMPROVING** public health

## FORGING OUR OSTEOPATHIC FUTURE CAMPAIGN HITS ITS STRIDE 2020

In 2019, the ACOFP Foundation introduced the Forging Our Osteopathic Future campaign, chaired by Carol L. Henwood, DO, FACOFP *dist.*, to fund initial certification grants for third-year residents seeking AOBFP cognitive and practical certification.

While fundraising began in 2019, it really took off in 2020. Nearly \$325,000 was pledged from 129 member donors and \$200,000 from 19 organizational partners over the course of 2020, specifically for Initial Certification Grants.

In addition to the commitments made directly to the Forging Our Osteopathic Future campaign, more than 2,100 ACOFP members contributed \$57,266 to the ACOFP Foundation when renewing their membership dues. As of December 31, the ACOFP Foundation had raised \$1,425,904 toward its \$2,000,000 campaign goal.



### Thank You to Our Foundation Ambassadors

None of the unprecedented programmatic or fundraising accomplishments in 2020 would have been possible without the efforts of the loyal Foundation Ambassadors. These individuals played a major role in taking the ACOFP Foundation to new heights.

- Andrew D. Adair, DO, FACOFP
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- Bruce Williams, DO, FACOFP

## INAUGURAL INITIAL CERTIFICATION GRANT PROVIDES FUNDING SUPPORT FOR RESIDENTS THROUGHOUT THE UNITED STATES

In 2020, the ACOFP Foundation awarded 100 Initial Certification Grants to qualifying third-year osteopathic family physician residents from 22 states (and Washington, D.C.). Additionally, the Foundation provided support to ACOFP to fund the costs for 1,659 residents taking the ISE+ exam.

INITIAL CERTIFICATION GRANT OPPORTUNITY FOR RESIDENTS

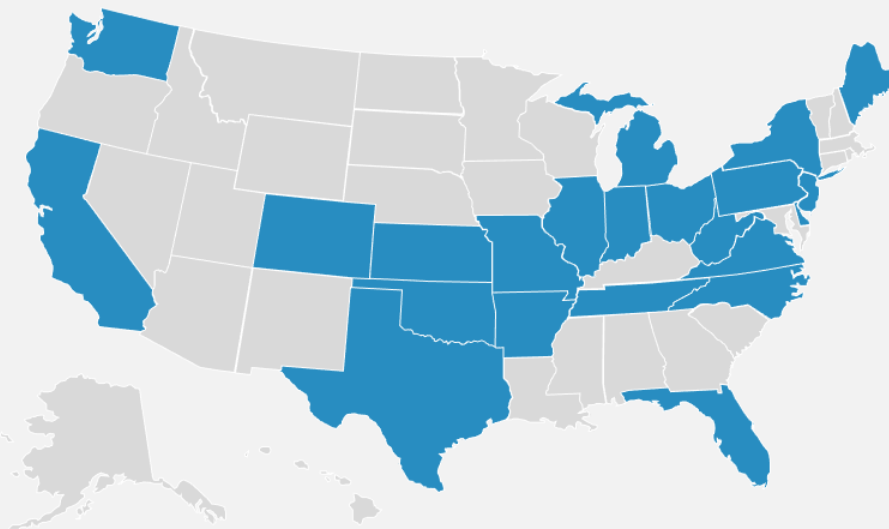


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February 14, 2020



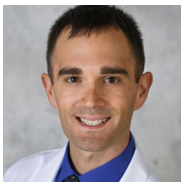
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### 2020 Initial Certification Grant Distribution

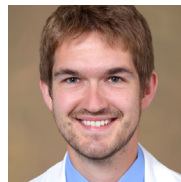


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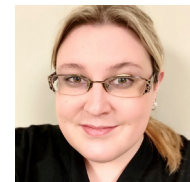
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| Arkansas (2)    | New York (18)      |
| California (3)  | North Carolina (1) |
| Colorado (1)    | Ohio (3)           |
| Delaware (2)    | Oklahoma (9)       |
| Florida (10)    | Pennsylvania (8)   |
| Illinois (2)    | Tennessee (2)      |
| Indiana (1)     | Texas (4)          |
| Kansas (1)      | Virginia (4)       |
| Maine (1)       | Washington (2)     |
| Michigan (10)   | Washington, DC (1) |
| Missouri (3)    | West Virginia (2)  |
| New Jersey (10) |                    |



*“As a resident, the financial burden is high, and it means a lot to have the Initial Certification Grant available to offset certification costs. It also encourages residents to pursue the osteopathic route rather than the allopathic. To promote the uniqueness of osteopathy.”*  
**—Jason Fauchex, DO**



*“Thank you for the Initial Certification Grant for the board certification funds. This program makes a huge difference to us, knowing there are people out there helping us to reach our dreams.”*  
**—Ryan Hunley, DO**



*“Thank you to the ACOFP Foundation and to all of the donors sponsoring the Initial Certification Grant. Now, not only am I going to be able to take my written exam, but I can also afford to attend the conference and get my own certification.”*  
**—Jennifer Reink, DO**



## FOUNDATION CONTINUES SUPPORT FOR ANNUAL ACOFP FUTURE LEADERS CONFERENCE

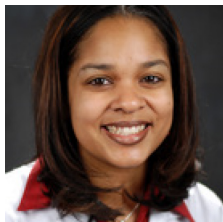
The ACOFP Foundation provides a financial grant to ACOFP to help fund the Future Leaders Conference. The conference is designed for outstanding new physicians (five years or fewer in practice) and residents who are interested in achieving a greater awareness of their leadership style and its impact on their professional performance. New physician and resident participants left with a better understanding of their leadership techniques and more prepared to effectively manage their patients. Twenty future leaders and four mentors participated in the conference in January 2020 in Phoenix, Arizona.

### 2020 Future Leaders Conference Participants

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| Elizabeth Balyakina, DO | Janna Quiling, DO         |
| Thomas Cawood, DO       | Sean Quionez, DO          |
| Tina Chuong, DO         | Erika Snyder, DO          |
| Rachel Denny, DO        | James Starrett, DO        |
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| James Lester, DO        | Sean Perrine, DO (Mentor) |
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| Eric Noh, DO            | Rachel Young, DO (Mentor) |
| Nina Oberschmidt, DO    |                           |



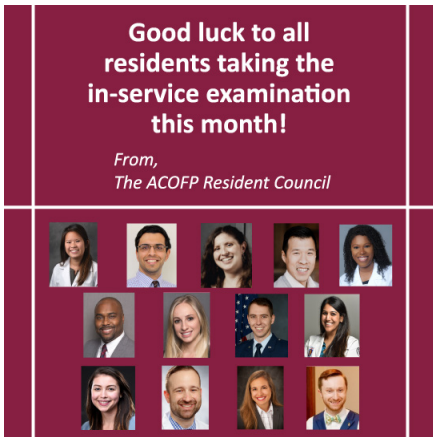
2020 Future Leaders Conference participants



*“I was in the inaugural class of the Future Leaders Conference and had the opportunity to be mentored by women in ACOFP who were making big strides in the organization and profession. I have since become a Fellow of ACOFP, served on the Executive Board of MAOFP, and most recently became the program director of a family medicine residency! The Future Leaders program is invaluable.”*  
**—Teniesha Wright-Jones, DO, FACOFP**



*“My experience at the Future Leaders Conference served as the starting point for my involvement in ACOFP. The workshops and networking led directly to my participation on the Resident Committee, the inaugural Resident Council and the New Physicians Committee. This conference empowered me to become a mentor to others in our field.”*  
**—Kari Beth Watts, DO**



## FOUNDATION & ACOFP LAUNCH MATCHING EDUCATION GRANT FOR RESIDENTS

In partnership with ACOFP, the Foundation provided matching educational grants of \$25 per resident taking the ISE+, which is the most osteopathically robust formative assessment, 1,659 residents representing 163 programs benefited from this support.

## MASTER PRECEPTORS GAIN RECOGNITION

The ACOFP Foundation continued to support the mission and goals of the ACOFP Preceptorship Committee to identify and educate high-quality preceptors to promote excellence and innovation in the education of osteopathic medical students and to enhance the student’s interest in osteopathic family medicine by providing faculty development programs, as well as learning modules for adjunct and part-time clinical educators. Unfortunately, the program was rescheduled due to the cancellation of ACOFP ’20.

The 2020 Master Preceptor virtually recognized preceptors for their sustained commitment to excellence in the training, education and mentoring of osteopathic medical students in osteopathic family medicine. The 2020 recipients include: Saroj Misra, DO, FACOFP; Andrea M. Nazar, DO; Jean S. Rettos, DO; Sonia Rivera-Martinez, DO, FACOFP; and Leslie Sorweide, DO.

## ACOFP RECOGNIZES EXCELLENCE IN THE PROFESSION THROUGH AWARDS PROGRAMS

### Sander A. Kushner, DO, FACOFP, Memorial Osteopathic Family Medicine Resident Award

Sander A. Kushner, DO, FACOFP, had a passion for osteopathic family medicine and a commitment to teaching. His legacy and impact on osteopathic medicine is evident through the physicians whom he trained and the colleagues with whom he worked, but most importantly with the communities where he practiced. This award recognizes outstanding academic achievement and motivation for careers in osteopathic family medicine, continuing Dr. Kushner’s legacy. The 2020 recipient was Stephanie S. Kidd, DO, MBA, from Reid Health in Richmond, Indiana.

### Namey/Burnett Preventative Medicine Writing Awards

This award chooses the best preventative medicine blog posts submitted by osteopathic family medicine students, interns and residents. This award, supported by the Foundation and ACOFP, honors the memories of Joseph J. Namey, DO, FACOFP, and John H. Burnett, DO, FACOFP, who were dedicated advocates for osteopathic family medicine. Nominations are solicited from residency programs, COMs and the general student and resident membership, with the final selection made by the ACOFP Health & Wellness Committee. The 2020 recipients were:



- **First Place:** *For Diabetics, Exercise Is Medicine* by Eric Yuschak, DO, PGY-2; Stacy Chase, DO; Furqan Haq, MD
- **Second Place:** *Cervical Cancer: Being Proactive with Preventative Pap Smears* by Maura Fox, OMS-III
- **Third Place:** *What’s New in Iron Supplementation: Your Patient’s Gut May Thank You* by Anna Augustin, DO

**Forging Our Osteopathic Future: Organizational Donor Honor Roll**

**Diamond Partners (\$100,000+)**

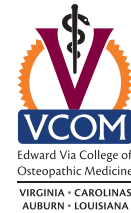


**Gold Partners (\$25,000+)**



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